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**The Effectiveness of Prisons**

Prisons, also known as correctional facilities, are growing and multiplying so that criminals--human beings like me and you--can be kept off the streets. Some deserve to be there, some do not. Families seeing their relatives hauled off to jail wonder when they are going to get out and how they are going to act when they do. Most people realize that everyone's lives are going to be changed around as a result of incarceration, but is it a change for the better? What influences the type of behavior that inmates have once they come out of prisons? Why do so many people return to jail after being released? Prisons have been labeled as "correctional facilities" by people in power, but do these facilities correct the problems inmates have? Are prisons places to get an individual's life together, or are they places where criminals go to gain more knowledge and, when they get released, become even more of a criminal? This paper will discuss the history of prisons, assess the state of prisons today, and consider the effectiveness of retribution versus rehabilitation in order to determine if prisons work, or if they are simply creating more problems for society.

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### Arts Education

When I am creating a work of art my mind gets ahead of itself, and my imagination begins to run at a rapid pace. Nothing is more amazing than starting off with a blank sheet of paper and ending up with something priceless. What is even more priceless, however, is how I find my mind working in similar ways in my classes. I read in between the lines in literature; I notice that I am able to see patterns in math problems. Through my experiences with art, school is made easier. Art helps me to be quick at learning. Art is very important so there should be no reason why it should be cut out from our public schools, yet it seems like we get less quality art classes every year. In my paper I will discuss how arts education affects academic and social skills, how art is used as a tool for motivation and how it can benefit students later on in life. Many people feel that art is not a necessary part of the curriculum and should be cut before other programs, while others contend that all students benefit from instruction in the arts. Who is correct? Is art an essential component of our academic development?